

Five-Year Bike Path Update for Open Space & Recreation Plan
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Under the G&O section, it should read "complete the NCP linking Winchendon and Gardner, and the two spurs connecting Dunn Pond and the Gardner City Forest (not Perly Brook, though it does go by there)."

Under the 5 year action plan, this is the plan for the bike trail and how we plan to accomplish it"

2005 - complete the Dunn's Pond connection of the NCP. The city has a \$36,000 grant from Recreational Trails to complete this. Estimated timing - fall 2005.

2006 - Resurface and stripe the first mile of the NCP that was completed in 1997. Funding will come from the 2005 federal Transportation Bill.

2006 - Obtain a legal right-of-way from Mass. Electric for the railroad bed that runs from the Veteran's Skating Rink down Park St. to the Mass. Electric sub-station. We will contact and work with Mass. Electric's Right-of-Way commission to accomplish this goal.

2006 - Obtain either a right-of-way or purchase John Eaton Rd. as the connection between Stone St. and the Rt. 140 section of bike path.

2007 - Design & Engineer the trail in Gardner from both the Veteran's Skating Rink to the City Forest as well as John Eaton Rd.. It is anticipated that we will apply for Urban Self-Help grants to use as a match against the 2005 federal Transportation Bill to accomplish this goal.

2007 - Construct the bike path on John Eaton Rd. Funding like all the others mentioned here.

2008 - Construct the bike trail from the Veteran's Skating Rink to Eaton St. Again, Urban Self-Help funds will be applied for as a match for the federal money available.

2009 - Construct the remainder of the bike trail from Eaton St. to the City Forest. Funding to be the same as described above.

In addition to the above, when you state what has been accomplished since the last plan was submitted, you should say that a 3.5 mile section of trail was opened in 2003.